Central Intelligence Agency



8 November 2019

Ms. Beryl Lipton MuckRock News DEPT MR 70806 411A Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-01285

Dear Ms. Lipton:

On 5 November 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 24 October 2019 letter asking for the status concerning your 25 March 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Our records show that you did not respond to our 27 June 2019 letter asking for clarification concerning your FOIA request. We are enclosing a copy of our previous letter in the event that you did not receive it. Since we had not received your response within the 45 business days of suspense pending your response, your request was closed as it was not identified as a proper request for processing. This does not preclude you from resubmitting your request once you are able to obtain more information or provide a response to our previous letter.

Sincerely,

Mark Lilly

Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Dear Ms. Lipton:

This is further to our letter dated 11 April 2019 regarding your 25 March 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following materials related to the funding, staffing, and activities of this FOIA office:

- 1. For the years 2017, 2018, and 2019, all budget materials or plans applicable to offices responsible for processing and response to FOIA requests and appeals submitted to this Bureau and its offices.
- 2. For the years 2017 and 2018, staffing reports and plans, including the count of employee numbers and for offices responsible for processing and responses to FOIA requests and appeals submitted to this Bureau and its offices.
- 3. All staffing reports and plans for the year 2019.
- 4. Contact information, including email addresses and phone numbers (if available) for each FOIA officer currently tasked with an open public records request.
- 5. For the years 2017 and 2018, the designated category of each requester of a FOIA request to this office, including those assigned to the following categories:
 - a. Commercial:
 - b. Educational and noncommercial scientific institutions;
 - c. Representative of news media requester;
 - d. All other requesters.
- 6. For the years 2017 and 2018, the number of fee waivers granted by this office and, if available, the tracking numbers for the FOIA requests to which waivers were granted.

- 7. For the years 2017 and 2018, any report capturing the following information:
 - a. Total estimated processing and copy fees quoted to FOIA requesters;
 - b. Total processing and copy fees collected by this Bureau from each fee category;
 - c. FOIA tracking number;
 - d. Requester fee category;
 - e. Amount processing and copy fees associated with the request;
 - f. The status of the requester's payment for the request.

We noted in our prior correspondence that we might need to contact you for additional information or clarification. Specifically, we are reaching out to you to verify that your request was sent to the correct Agency. Upon further review, we noted in your request that you referred to a Department of the Interior (DOI) FOIA Website (https://www.doi.gov/foia/about-us) which states they have bureaus/offices. You also used the word "bureau" in your request several times. Therefore, we interpret your request to be one directed to the DOI and not the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). We need you to contact us to clarify that this is a request for the DOI rather than the CIA. We will hold your request for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response. If we do not hear from you within the time frame, we will interpret your request as one for the DOI and close your request as it was not intended for our Agency.

Sincerely,

Mark Lilly

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Information and Privacy Coordinator